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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

This communication is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination concerning the above-referenced patent application. This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 16, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated September 11, 2007. Applicants request an extension of time for three months to extend the date to respond until November 16, 2007, thus making this response timely filed. The PTO is authorized to invoice deposit account No. 50-1283 for the fee required for the extension of time and the filing fee for the Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

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